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POLITICAL ANALYST BONGFEN CHEM-LANGHEE CONTRIBUTED A
THOUGHTFUL ARTICLE ON BLACK AFRICAN ISREALI RELATIONS TO THE
MARCH 1 WEEKLY ENGLISH EDITION OF CAMEROON TRIBUNE. HE SAW
THE OAU MEMBERS BECOMING "DISENCHANTED WITH THE UNSATISFACTORY
MANNER IN WHICTTHE ARAB COUNTRIES HAVE TREATED THEIR PROMISE
(OF ECONOMIC AID) TO THEM, "ADDING, "UP TO THE MOMENT, THE
ARABS HAVE DONE LITTLE MATERIALLY TO AID IN THE STRUGGLE WITH
SOUTHERN AFRICA. INDEED, THEIR BIGGEST OIL PRODUCERS HAVE BEEN
DEALING WITH SOUTHERN AFRICA, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY"

THE AUTHOR THOUGHT IT SIGNIFICANT THAT ISRAEL HAD DECLARED
AT THE U.N. THAT SHE WAS READY TO FULLY IMPLEMENT THE U.N. SANC-
TIONS AGAINST TH BANEFUL REGIMES OF SOUTHERN AFRICA. SUCH A
SIGNAL CAN HARDLY BE IGNORED BY THE BLACK AFRICAN COUNTRIES,
PARTICULARLY WHEN THE ARABS ARE DOING LITTLE TO FULFILL THEIR
PROMISE."

CHEM-LANGHEE CONCLUDED THAT".. THE MORE RECENT BEHAVIOURS
OF EGYPT AND ISRAEL PROVIDES SOME JUSTIFICATION FOR THE AFRICAN
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STATES TO RECONSIDER THEIR POLICY TOWARD ISRAEL..IF
THE BLACK AFRICAN NATIONS DO NOT ADJUST THEIR MIDDLE
EAST POLITY TO THE CHANGING CIRCUMSTANCES, THEY MIGHT
BY IN THE COLD WITHOUT COMPENSATION ELSEWHERE.

"NEVERTHELESS..THE WESTERN DEMOCRACIES AND ISRAEL
OUGHT TO MORE THAN THEY ARE AT PRESENT REGARDING THE

MAJOR POLICY GOALS OF THESE (BLACK AFRICAN) STATES. THE
WESTERN POWERS CAN BOLSTER UP THEIR MORAL SUPPORT FOR
(MAJORITY RULE) IN SOUTHERN AFRICAN WITH MATERIAL AID, WHILE
BECOMING MORE ACTIVE.. THAN AT PRESENT. FURTHERMORE
THEY CAN TRY TO MAKE THEIR FOREIGN AID POLICY TO THE BLACK
AFRICAN COUNTRIES MORE LUCRATIVE AND TAKE STEPS TO REDUCE
THE BOTTLENECKS PUT AGAINST MANUFACTURERS FROM THESE COUNTRIES
WHILE RECONSIDERING THE INADEQUATE PRICES PAID FOR THE
MANUFACTURED PRODUCE OF AFRICA."
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